

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 627
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda C. Moynihan on the occasion
of her retirement as Executive Director of the
Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor
those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and
enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Linda Christie Moynihan is one such estimable person who has served with
distinction as Executive Director of the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare (TCSW) since
1988 and has worked with the agency since 1976; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with TCSW, the organization has demonstrably improved
the quality of life for all citizens of Tennessee, and it is with much sadness that this body has
learned that Mrs. Moynihan will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, born August 21, 1939, Linda Moynihan is a graduate of Harpeth Hall School
in Nashville, where she was elected Lady of the Hall and won a Special Award for Outstanding
Leadership, and she attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, after many years as an avid volunteer for various social service and social
welfare agencies in the Nashville area, Linda Moynihan joined forces with the Tennessee
Conference on Social Welfare as a part-time contract lobbyist in 1976; in addition to monitoring
legislation and keeping members of the Board apprised of the latest activities, she authored a
winning grant for "Project Sprint"; and

WHEREAS, TCSW's first paid employee, Mrs. Moynihan was named part-time
Executive Coordinator in 1977, essentially serving in the capacity of Executive Director in an
organization limited by budgetary constraints; and

WHEREAS, prior to accepting this post, Linda Moynihan served as a Research Coordinator for "Project Sprint" for TCSW, supervising two graduate research assistants and a part-time secretary and preparing all reports on the project and those related to the grant; and

WHEREAS, from November 1982 to November 1985, Mrs. Moynihan worked part-time as a Research Associate at the Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies, primarily focusing on a project for the Center for the Studies of Families and Children entitled "Public Policies Affecting Chronically Ill Children and Their Families"; and

WHEREAS, from November 1985 to June 1988, Mrs. Moynihan would work on a part-time basis as a Government Relations Specialist for the United Way of Middle Tennessee and the Tennessee Association of United Way Executives before accepting the post of full-time Executive Director of the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare on July 1, 1988; and

WHEREAS, a gracious lady on whom a quiet and humble demeanor overlies an unwavering tenacity and commitment to the cause of social justice, Linda Moynihan has ushered the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare through a period of tremendous growth during her thirty-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, TCSW has expanded from ten agency members and one thousand individual members to over one hundred fifty agency members and one thousand eight hundred individual members; and

WHEREAS, Linda Moynihan has performed above and beyond the call of duty with TCSW, providing administrative and supportive services for a thirty-seven member board of directors, handling liaison relations with numerous state agencies and departments, supplying public information and support services for the TCSW membership, coordinating regional and statewide training conferences, and serving as a registered lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, named one of the Outstanding Young Women of America in 1972, Mrs. Moynihan is an active participant in her community and is a founding member of the Friends of Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University, a former Secretary and Vice-Chairman of the United Way of Metropolitan Nashville Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Moynihan is also member of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the Junior League of Nashville, the Tennessee Commission on Children and

Youth/Mid-Cumberland Council, the Tennessee Health Care Campaign, and Tennesseans for Fair Taxation; and

WHEREAS, respected for her insight and experience, over the years Mrs. Moynihan has been called on to serve on numerous committees, task forces, and commissions, including the Mental Health Planning Council and Partners Roundtable Committee of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Governor's Task Force on Child Care, the Child Care Development Fund Advisory Committee of the Tennessee Department of Human Services, the Adult Protective Services Task Force of the Tennessee Department of Human Services, the Tennessee Long-Term Care Consortium, the Families First State Advisory Council, the Governor's Task Force on Families First, and AARP's Choices for Care Partners; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Moynihan's advice and counsel to committees in the Tennessee General Assembly, both in the field of social policy and in the field of the appropriation of money for social services, has been over the years so reliable and of such splendid quality that she has indeed directly influenced for the good the way Tennessee's laws read, and Tennessee's financial provision for programs of social welfare; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Linda C. Moynihan's diligent service and contributions to the social welfare arena have been appropriately acknowledged over the years with numerous awards; she received the Champion of Change Award in 1999 from Community Shares of Tennessee; the 1983 "Public Citizen of the Year" Award from the National Association of Social Workers/Tennessee Chapter; the Friend of Children Award from the Tennessee Volunteers for Children Conference in 1981; and a special award for Volunteer Contributions to Friends of The Children's Hospital in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Moynihan exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she is the proud mother of six devoted children and beloved grandmother of eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Linda Moynihan has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity; her legacy will have its mark on Tennessee and its citizens for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Linda C. Moynihan our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, thank her for her tireless efforts to promote the economic and social well-being of every Tennessean, and offer her our best wishes for every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.